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1. The military airfield on the southwestern edge of VORONEZH (39°12' S/51°38' N) had no runway. Hangars were under reconstruction. Obstacle lights and mobile landing lights for night flights were frequently observed. There was intensive flying with take-offs and landings, firing at towed air sleeves, and formation flying with from nine to twelve aircraft being practiced. The following type of aircraft was mainly observed: Twin-engine, low-wing mono-plane; in-line engine; double rudder assembly; slim fuselage; retractable landing gear; almost rectangular wings*.
2. A second type had the following characteristics: Two radial engines; trapezoidal wings, set at mid-fuselage, with rounded-off tips; wings with slight sweepback and dihedral; single rudder assembly; rear of fuselage slightly projecting beyond tail assembly; retractable landing gear, with twin-wheels under the wings; retractable nose wheel; rather plump fuselage, of circular or oval cross-section; pilot's cockpit with side windows; without turret. This type was chiefly used for night flying. It was equipped with landing lights, and was only observed during recent years**.
3. A civil airport was located at the northern edge of the town, north of the Komintern Plant and west of the road to MOSCOW. Scheduled landings and take-offs of multi-engine aircraft were observed. There was less flying than at the military airfield, and only in daytime.

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4. The existence and location of the civil airport and the take-offs and landings of commercial aircraft are confirmed, and it is added that the field was 5,000 x 3,300 feet.

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Comment:

a. [redacted] a large pilot school for night and blind-flying with transport and bomber aircraft is stationed at the VORONEZH military airfield.

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b. The data on the VORONEZH-north and VORONEZH-south civil airports confirmed 3 previous reports.

* Presumably Pe-2

** Presumably IL-12.

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